New Haven Oct. 30th 1837.

Dear Brother

Your letter from London which you expected would be the last you should write from there arrived on Monday last (16th) & we were rejoiced to learn that you & Young were so much better. Sister E. is still with us and will remain until late in the season. Mother, Nancy & Cornelia & I made a short excursion to Albany. We found Mr & Mrs M. certainly very comfortably situated, in good health & apparently enjoying themselves to a reasonable degree. Our visit was a very pleasant one except that Cornelia was somewhat unwell while there & on her return quite sick for about 2 days in New York. Both she and her mother are quite well (for them) at present. There is nothing of moment in the City now, nor has any thing occurred since I last wrote worthy notice. Our State has at our recent town elections declared that she will no longer bow the knee to Baal. It is now a Whig State; & if a general election should now take place, the Whig majority would be very large. Business generally is exceedingly dull, altho there is less distress in the Community at large than there has been. The general feeling seems to be that Congress has done little to benefit the people — that the acts passed are for the relief of the government — & that therefore relief to the Community at large cannot be obtained except by individual effort and forbearance — effort on the part of the debtor & forbearance on the part of the Creditor — which in a very short time will place our business matters in a healthy state unless the government interferes to prevent.

George's family are all well. His youngest child is a very fine boy. I think I never saw his wife look as well as she does now. He has been waiting for a considerable time for the clerkship on the Wharf & I am in hopes they will give him permanent employment.

Since my former letter we have had no more fires in the City altho several buildings have been set afire. I finished the adjustment of our losses at the large fire better than I anticipated. The amt. was a little over $11.000. Mr Swett requested me to send in my acct. "including my commission for adjusting the loss." I sent the acc. but left the amt. of my compensation blank, requesting him to fill it with such sum as should be entirely satisfactory to him. He filled it with $150 — That certainly is a fair compensation for the time (not more than 3 weeks) spent by me but money cannot pay me for the anxiety & mental suffering I endured for so long a time — We had four fires in one day & the damage was trifling. One negro boy who lived at Deacon Chs B. Whittlesey's & who set fire to H. A. Whittlesey's Crockery Store in this building was last week tried and convicted before the Superior Court now in session in this city.

Another person, a hatter from New York is now on trial before the same Court for setting fire to his store in Church Street with intent to defraud the Ins. Cos. He was not one of my customers as I had absolutely refused to insure for him. There is little doubt that he set the fire but it is questionable whether there is proof enough to convict him. There has been no fire in the City since his arrest on the 10th of Sept.

I am in doubt somewhat as to what course is best for me to pursue. The National Ins. Co. is not at all anxious to continue their business here, & will not insure any kind of manufactories. I have no doubt that I could obtain an agency from New York from a company that would be glad to take all my present risks. So after all whether it would be advisable to change my agency or not I am at a loss to determine. I have now a large amt of excellent risks besides manufactories & have no doubt that it is good policy for the office to make the restriction. I do not like to change & Mr Swift has always treated me really very well. Besides I sometimes think that my insurance business interferes too much with my profession ~~and~~ & that I should undoubtedly make a better lawyer if I should give up my insurance entirely. That however I cannot well afford to do just at present & whether it will not be as well for me to do only so much as the National Co. wishes to do, is a question I have not as yet entirely settled in my own mind.

My legal business is certainly as good as I could reasonably expect even if I confined myself entirely to that. From Jan 1835 to Jan 9 1838. I had 101 accounts or less left with me for collection and in 1838 — 353. This year the number exceeds 500 already, & they are generally larger & more important and give larger fees than those which I formerly had. I might have the Grand Jury business another year if I pleased but I think I shall have business enough without. & it certainly is not a very pleasant business.

Dr Sprague of Albany has lost his wife lately. & Sophia thinks that Sister E. will be very likely to be selected as his successor. All which would be very acceptable. The Dr was very attentive to E before she left Albany. He left that city the day that E. did & expects to return about the time that she expects to go there -

Mr Boardman will without doubt remove to Detroit in the Spring. Henry (as El. has doubtless informed you,) has gone to Michigan. in the vicinity of Detroit. He is Cashier of one of the shaving shops or banks, that have sprung up under the general banking law of that State. which permits any thing. by subscribing $50.000 & paying in $10.000. to issue $37.000 in bills & afterward to loan out their $10.000 &c - Mr B. has sold out very nearly all his lumber. in fact all of it. except one lot in the Country which he does not expect to issue until spring. & has nothing there of consequence to do. & nothing to induce him to remain at Albany. & They without doubt would be much happier at Detroit with their children than any where else. I advised them by all means to go.

I have as yet received nothing for you from Potter. Our banks have not all made dividends this year. Whether the Hartford bank has or will. I have not as yet ascertained.

Our prayers are with you & yours.

Nancy. Elizabeth & Cornelia send their love to Sister T. & also to Minnie.

Affectionately
Your Br. friend
Charles Robinson

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